





I. ADMINISTRATION

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- Noticed in:
 - Scottsbluff Star Herald
 - North Platte Telegraph
 - Sidney Sun-Telegraph
 - Kearney Hub
 - The Grand Island Independent

UPPER PLATTE BASIN-WIDE PLAN WEBSITE

upbwp.nednr.nebraska.gov

REVIEW OF THE SPG DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

- The first goal is consensus
- A majority vote is the determining factor for all sections of the plan.
- If the group cannot reach a majority, the DNR and the NRDs will work together to resolve the disputed issues.
- If the SPG is unable to come to consensus by June 2018, the DNR and the NRDs will work together to resolve the disputed issues and create a final plan by August 2018.

ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE 2ND INCREMENT

Administrative

- Revisit order of goals
- Define FA (unknown numbers)
- # of increments
- Meter the whole state?

General Management

- Oversight
- Monitor progress (score sheet)
- Improved model for lower reaches
- Accounting for surface water appropriators
- Offsets based on timing and locations

Economic, Social, Environmental

- Clean food and water for future generations
- Water quality
- Fish, Wildlife, park lands
- Check valves on wells
- Economic analysis (scenarios)
- Management of the Resource

New Sections / Additional

- Drought conditions
- Storage
- Conjunctive Management
- Hydropower



II. NRD/DNR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL USERS

NRD/DNR RESPONSIBILITIES

- *Insert DNR slides*



III. BASIN VALUES

BASIN VALUES (FROM MAY MTG)

- Generational Stewardship
- Maintaining the good life
- There is a space for all; willingness and interest in working together; shared burden
- Looking beyond our own fences
- Others can make good use of the water we save (Gering)
- We are making a difference! Restored flow to Pumpkin Creek
- We have a long culture of adapting and changing with the times
- *“Putting water back to the river without causing economic harm”*
- Others?



IV. POTENTIAL NEW GOALS

NEW GOAL #1

1. Partner with municipalities and industry to maximize conservation and water use efficiency.

- Establish community education programs; track effectiveness annually
- Establish standardized economic development policies regarding new water-intensive business.

NEW GOAL #2

2. Work to maintain economic viability of users within the basin.

- Increase sustainability under cyclical supply conditions
 - » Identify storage opportunities
 - » Conjunctive management
 - » Continue to encourage diversity in revenue streams (hunting, cattle, alternative crops, hydro, etc).
- Pursue regulatory modifications (local, state, Federal)
- Identify strategies to establish geographic equity for water users above and below Lake McConaughy.
- Continued support of advancing technological practices; efficiency of use



V. POTENTIAL NEW OBJECTIVES (EX. GOAL 3)

NEW OBJECTIVES – GOAL 3

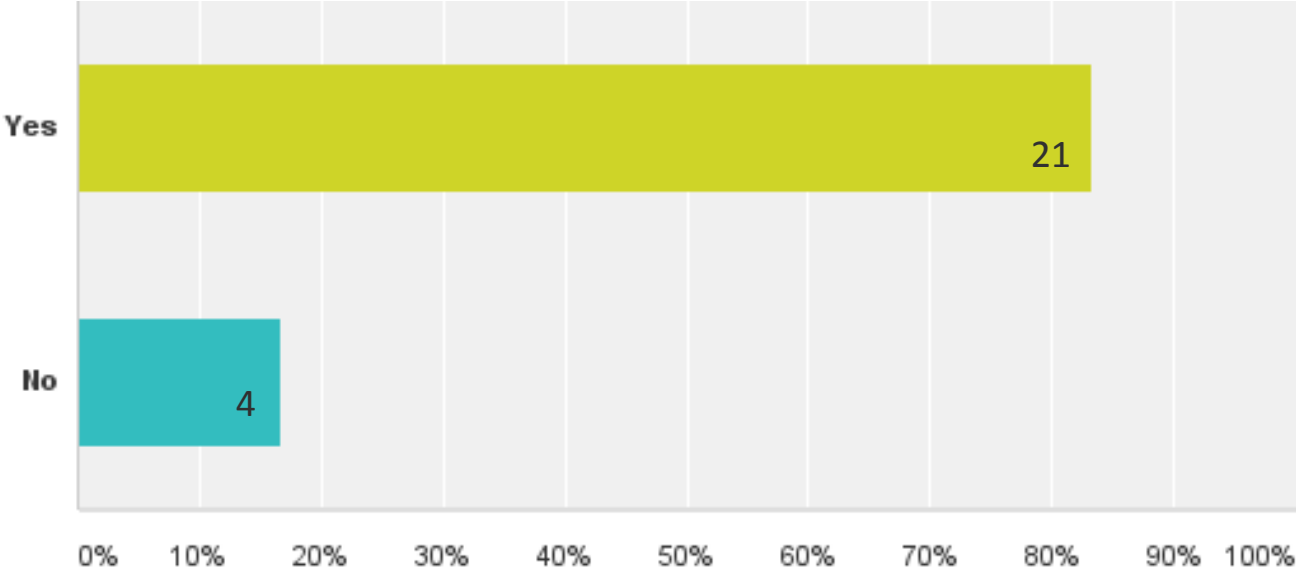
- Increased, standardized and regular reporting / education on business health
 - Impact of community conservation education programs
 - Establish standard indices of economic health for distinct user groups (including cost of regulations to irrigators)
- Broader public inclusion in process and information dissemination



VI. CONTINUED WORK ON ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS

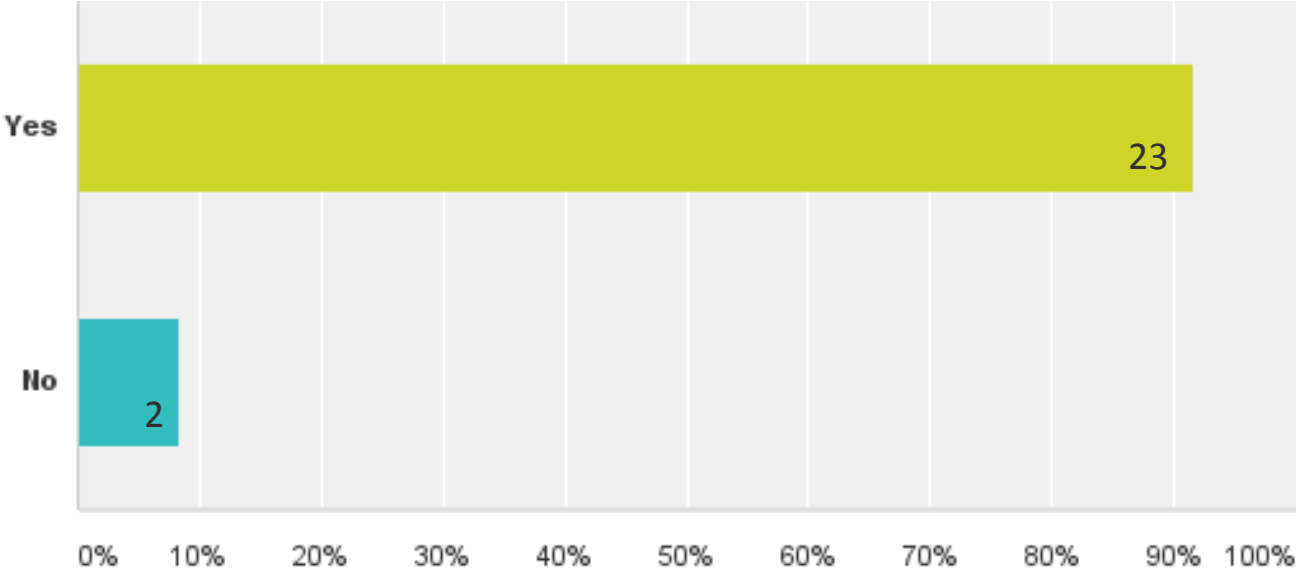
Q4: Does the first increment plan appropriately address the call to maintain the social and environmental health of the river basin?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 2



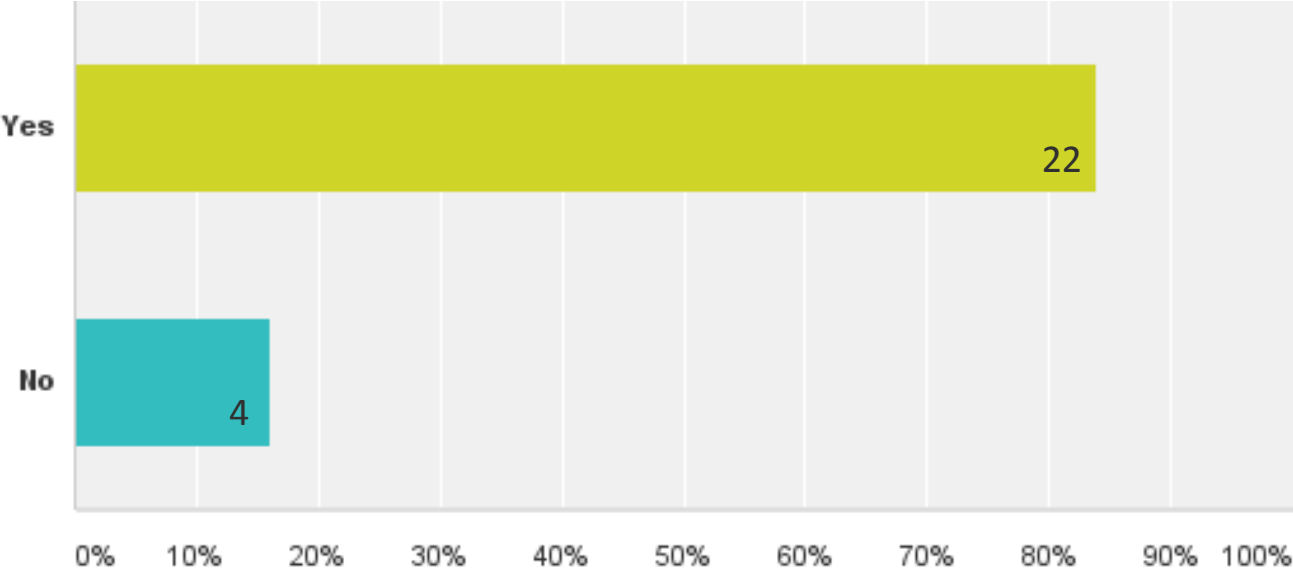
Q5: Does the first increment plan appropriately address the call to maintain the safety of the river basin?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 2



Q6: Does the first increment plan appropriately address the call to maintain the welfare of the river basin?

Answered: 26 Skipped: 1





IV. NEXT STEPS



V.

PUBLIC COMMENT



**NEXT MEETING – SEPTEMBER
20, 2017**